

NWCG Task Book for the Position of:

**AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH DIRECTOR
(AOBD)**



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Task Book Assigned To:

Trainee's Name: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____

Task Book Initiated By:

Official's Name: _____

Home Unit Title: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____

Home Unit Address: _____

Date Initiated: _____

The material contained in this book accurately defines the performance expected of the position for which it was developed. This task book is approved for use as a position qualification document in accordance with the instructions contained herein.

**Verification/Certification of Completed Task Book
for the Position of:**

AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH DIRECTOR

Final Evaluator's Verification

*To be completed **ONLY** when you are recommending the trainee for certification.*

I verify that (trainee name) _____ has successfully performed as a trainee by demonstrating all tasks for the position listed above and should be considered for certification in this position. All tasks are documented with appropriate initials.

Final Evaluator's Signature: _____

Final Evaluator's Printed Name: _____

Home Unit Title: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

Agency Certification

I certify that (trainee name) _____ has met all requirements for qualification in the above position and that such qualification has been issued.

Certifying Official's Signature: _____

Certifying Official's Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

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NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP (NWCG) POSITION TASK BOOK

NWCG Position Task Books (PTBs) have been developed for designated National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) positions. Each PTB lists the competencies, behaviors and tasks required for successful performance in specific positions. Trainees must be observed completing all tasks and show knowledge and competency in their performance during the completion of this PTB.

Trainees are evaluated during this process by qualified evaluators, and the trainee's performance is documented in the PTB for each task by the evaluator's initials and date of completion. An Evaluation Record will be completed by all evaluators documenting the trainee's progress after each evaluation opportunity.

Successful performance of all tasks, as observed and recorded by an evaluator, will result in a recommendation to the agency that the trainee be certified in that position. Evaluation and confirmation of the trainee's performance while completing all tasks may occur on one or more training assignments and may involve more than one evaluator during any opportunity.

INCIDENT/EVENT CODING

Each task has a code associated with the type of training assignment where the task may be completed. The codes are: O = other, I = incident, W = wildfire, RX = prescribed fire, W/RX = wildfire OR prescribed fire and R = rare event. The codes are defined as:

- O = Task can be completed in any situation (classroom, simulation, daily job, incident, prescribed fire, etc.).
- I = Task must be performed on an incident managed under the Incident Command System (ICS). Examples include wildland fire, structural fire, oil spill, search and rescue, hazardous material, and an emergency or non-emergency (planned or unplanned) event.
- W = Task must be performed on a wildfire incident.
- RX = Task must be performed on a prescribed fire incident.
- W/RX = Task must be performed on a wildfire OR prescribed fire incident.
- R = Rare events such as accidents, injuries, vehicle or aircraft crashes occur infrequently and opportunities to evaluate performance in a real setting are limited. The evaluator should determine, through interview, if the trainee would be able to perform the task in a real situation.

While tasks can be performed in any situation, they must be evaluated on the specific type of incident/event for which they are coded. For example, tasks coded W must be evaluated on a wildfire; tasks coded RX must be evaluated on prescribed fire and so on. Performance of any task on other than the designated assignment is not valid for qualification.

Tasks within the PTB are numbered sequentially; however, the numbering does NOT indicate the order in which the tasks need to be performed or evaluated.

The bullets under each numbered task are examples or indicators of items or actions related to the task. The purpose of the bullets is to assist the evaluator in evaluating the trainee; the bullets are not all-inclusive. Evaluate and initial ONLY the numbered tasks. DO NOT evaluate and initial each individual bullet.

A more detailed description of this process and definitions of terms are included in the *Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide*, PMS 310-1. This document can be found at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/310-1>.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Home Unit/Agency, Trainee, Coach, Training Specialist, Evaluator, Final Evaluator and Certifying Official are identified in the *Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide*, PMS 310-1. It is incumbent upon each of these individuals to ensure their responsibilities are met.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE POSITION TASK BOOK EVALUATION RECORD

Evaluation Record #

Each evaluator will need to complete an evaluation record. Each evaluation record should be numbered sequentially. Place this number at the top of the evaluation record page and also use it in the column labeled “Evaluation Record #” for each numbered task the trainee has satisfactorily performed.

Trainee Information

Print the trainee’s name, position on the incident/event, home unit/agency, and the home unit/agency address and phone number.

Evaluator Information

Print the Evaluator’s name, position on the incident/event, home unit/agency, and the home unit/agency address and phone number.

Incident/Event Information

Incident/Event Name: Print the incident/event name.

Reference: Enter the incident code and/or fire code.

Duration: Enter inclusive dates during which the trainee was evaluated.

Incident Kind: Enter the kind of incident (wildfire, prescribed fire, search and rescue, flood, hurricane, etc.).

Location: Enter the geographic area, agency, and state.

Management Type or Prescribed Fire Complexity Level: Circle the ICS organization level (Type 5, Type 4, Type 3, Type 2, Type 1, Area Command) or the prescribed fire complexity level (Low, Moderate, High).

Fire Behavior Prediction System (FBPS) Fuel Model Group: Circle the Fuel Model Group letter that corresponds to the predominant fuel type in which the incident/event occurred.

G = Grass Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 1 – 3):

1 = short grass (1 foot); 2 = timber with grass understory; 3 = tall grass (1½ - 2 feet)

B = Brush Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 4 – 6):

4 = Chaparral (6 feet); 5 = Brush (2 feet); 6 = dormant brush/hardwood slash;

7 = Southern rough

T = Timber Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 8 – 10)

8 = closed timber litter; 9 = hardwood litter; 10 = timber (with litter understory)

S = Slash Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 11 – 13)

11 = light logging slash; 12 = medium logging slash; 13 = heavy logging slash

Evaluator's Recommendation

For 1 – 4, initial only one line as appropriate; this will allow for comparison with your initials in the Qualifications Record.

Record additional remarks/recommendations on an Individual Performance Evaluation, or by attaching an additional sheet to the evaluation record.

Evaluator's Signature

Sign here to authenticate your recommendations.

Date

Document the date the Evaluation Record is being completed.

Evaluator's Relevant Qualification (or agency certification)

List your qualification or certification relevant to the trainee position you supervised.

Note: Evaluators must be either qualified in the position being evaluated or supervise the trainee; Final Evaluators must be qualified in the trainee position they are evaluating.

Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD)

Competency: Assume position responsibilities.

Description: Successfully assume role of Air Operations Branch Director and initiate position activities at the appropriate time according to the following behaviors.

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Ensure availability, qualifications, and capabilities of resources to complete assignment.			
1. Determine personnel, aircraft, and support equipment needs; order as necessary.	I		
2. Identify existing and ordered aircraft status.	I		
3. Ensure pilot and aircraft capabilities meet mission objectives.	I		
Behavior: Gather, update, and apply situational information relevant to the assignment.			
4. Obtain initial briefing from Operations Section Chief.	I		
Behavior: Establish effective relationships with relevant personnel.			
5. Establish and maintain positive interpersonal and interagency working relationships.	I		
Behavior: Establish organization structure, reporting procedures, and chain of command of assigned resources.			
6. Establish line of authority and identify decision making process.	I		
7. Assess organization and adjust structure to meet mission objectives.	I		

Evaluate the numbered tasks ONLY. DO NOT evaluate bullets; they are provided as examples/additional clarification.

Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD)

Competency: Lead assigned personnel.

Description: Influence, guide, and direct assigned personnel to accomplish objectives and desired outcomes in a rapidly changing, high-risk environment.

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Model leadership values and principles.			
8. Exhibit principles of duty. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Be proficient in your job, both technically and as a leader.</i> • <i>Make sound and timely decisions.</i> • <i>Ensure tasks are understood, supervised and accomplished.</i> • <i>Develop your subordinates for the future.</i> 	I		
9. Exhibit principles of respect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Know your subordinates and look out for their well-being.</i> • <i>Keep your subordinates informed.</i> • <i>Build the team.</i> • <i>Employ your subordinates in accordance with their capabilities.</i> 	I		
10. Exhibit principles of integrity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Know yourself and seek improvement.</i> • <i>Seek responsibility and accept responsibility for your actions.</i> • <i>Set the example.</i> 	I		
Behavior: Ensure the safety, welfare, and accountability of assigned personnel.			
11. Provide for the safety and welfare of assigned resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recognize, mitigate and communicate potentially hazardous situations.</i> • <i>Monitor condition of assigned resources.</i> • <i>Account for assigned resources.</i> 	I		

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Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD)

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Establish work assignments and performance expectations, monitor performance, and provide feedback.			
12. Determine hours of operational period for air operations.	I		
13. Ensure subordinates understand assignment for operational period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide clear, concise instructions and allow for feedback.</i> 	I		
14. Continually evaluate performance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Communicate deficiencies immediately and take corrective action.</i> • <i>Provide training opportunities where available.</i> • <i>Complete personnel performance evaluations according to agency guidelines.</i> 	I		
Behavior: Emphasize teamwork.			
15. Establish cohesiveness among assigned resources.	I		
Behavior: Coordinate interdependent activities.			
16. Coordinate with local dispatch.	I		
17. Coordinate with vendors, contractors, and other incidents.	I		
18. Coordinate information sharing with Incident Management Team (IMT) functional areas.	I		
19. Coordinate information sharing with personnel external to the IMT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local airport authority.</i> • <i>Media</i> • <i>Land owners</i> • <i>Local unit dispatch and/or aviation manager.</i> • <i>Adjacent incident personnel and/or area command.</i> 	I		

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Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD)

Competency: Communicate effectively.

Description: Use suitable communication techniques to share relevant information with appropriate personnel on a timely basis to accomplish objectives in a rapidly changing, high-risk environment.

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Ensure relevant information is exchanged during briefings and debriefings.			
20. Brief subordinate staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Incident and work objectives, schedules, mission requirements, priorities, time schedules, and process for briefings and debriefings.</i> • <i>Work-site locations, status of aircraft, and crews and equipment assigned or ordered.</i> 	I		
21. Debrief personnel and pilots; make adjustments as necessary.	I		
22. Conduct functional area briefings and After Action Review (AAR). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lessons learned</i> • <i>Mitigate</i> 	I		
Behavior: Ensure documentation is complete and disposition is appropriate.			
23. Complete and maintain appropriate documentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ICS 214, Unit Log</i> • <i>ICS 220, Air Operations Summary</i> • <i>Narrative and documentation for final fire package</i> 	O		
Behavior: Gather, produce and distribute information as required by established guidelines and ensure understanding by recipient.			
24. Prepare for and participate in preplanning/strategy meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Share and evaluate operational information with IMT members.</i> 	I		

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Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD)

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Communicate and ensure understanding of work expectations within the chain of command and across functional areas.			
25. Ensure aviation expectations are communicated to other functional areas during meetings and briefings.	I		
Behavior: Develop and implement plans and gain concurrence of affected agencies and/or the public.			
26. Participate in preparation of the Incident Action Plan (IAP) or other relevant plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Advise Operations Section Chief of capabilities and/or limitations to support the IAP.</i> • <i>Determine mission priority.</i> • <i>Identify start/stop times for aviation operations.</i> • <i>Make assignments to carry out IAP.</i> • <i>Identify resources that are or will be excess in meeting the IAP.</i> 	I		
27. Assist in development and implementation of Incident Demobilization Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consider demobilization early in the incident.</i> • <i>Coordinate with the Demobilization Unit/Planning Section Chief and Operations Section Chief.</i> • <i>Coordinate with local agency concerning functional demobilization procedures.</i> 	I		

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Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD)

Competency: Ensure completion of assigned actions to meet identified objectives.

Description: Identify, analyze, and apply relevant situational information and evaluate actions to complete assignments safely and meet identified objectives. Complete actions within established timeframe.

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
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Behavior: Gather, analyze, and validate information pertinent to the incident or event and make recommendations for setting priorities.

28. Collect and process incident reports and daily fiscal information per agency standard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Flight hours flown.</i> • <i>Aircraft cost summaries.</i> • <i>Gallons of water, foam, and retardant dropped.</i> • <i>Number of personnel transported.</i> • <i>Adjustment to IAP or other relevant plan.</i> • <i>Support needs for other sections.</i> 	I		
29. Gather intelligence and information for future operational planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Obtain status and availability of aircraft and personnel.</i> 	I		

Behavior: Make appropriate decisions based on analysis of gathered information.

30. Evaluate incident objectives and/or tactics to ensure appropriate aviation management principles are applied.	I		
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Behavior: Take appropriate action based on assessed risks.

31. Ensure the Risk Management Process is established and maintained throughout the air operations section.	I		
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Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD)

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Ensure compliance with all legal and safety requirements relevant to air operations.			
32. Monitor flight/duty hour limitations and ensure they are not exceeded.	I		
33. Inspect and visit areas of operation to ensure compliance with agency rules, regulations, and procedures.	I		
Behavior: Transfer position duties while ensuring continuity of authority and knowledge and taking into account the increasing or decreasing incident complexity.			
34. Coordinate an efficient transfer of position duties when mobilizing/demobilizing (e.g., incoming IMT, host agency). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inform subordinate staff and IC.</i> • <i>Document follow-up action needed and submit to supervisor.</i> 	I		

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Trainee Information

Printed Name:
 Trainee Position on Incident/Event:
 Home Unit/Agency:
 Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number:

Evaluator Information

Printed Name:
 Evaluator Position on Incident/Event:
 Home Unit/Agency:
 Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number:

Incident/Event Information

Incident/Event Name: _____ Reference (Incident Number/Fire Code): _____
 Duration: _____
 Incident Kind: Wildfire, Prescribed Fire, All Hazard, Other (specify): _____
 Location (include Geographic Area, Agency, and State): _____
 Management Type (circle one): Type 5, Type 4, Type 3, Type 2, Type 1, Area Command
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Evaluator’s Recommendation
 (Initial only one line as appropriate)

- _____ 1) The tasks initialed and dated by me on the Qualification Record have been performed under my supervision in a satisfactory manner. The trainee has successfully performed all tasks in the PTB for the position. I have completed the Final Evaluator’s Verification section and recommend the trainee be considered for agency certification.
- _____ 2) The tasks initialed and dated by me on the Qualification Record have been performed under my supervision in a satisfactory manner. However, opportunities were not available for all tasks (or all uncompleted tasks) to be performed and evaluated on this assignment. An additional assignment is needed to complete the evaluation.
- _____ 3) The trainee did not complete certain tasks in the PTB in a satisfactory manner and additional training, guidance, or experience is recommended.
- _____ 4) The individual is severely deficient in the performance of tasks in the PTB for the position and additional training, guidance, or experience is recommended prior to another training assignment.

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Evaluator’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Evaluator’s Relevant Qualification (or agency certification): _____

Trainee Information

Printed Name:

Trainee Position on Incident/Event:

Home Unit/Agency:

Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number:

Evaluator Information

Printed Name:

Evaluator Position on Incident/Event:

Home Unit/Agency:

Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number:

Incident/Event Information

Incident/Event Name:

Reference (Incident Number/Fire Code):

Duration:

Incident Kind: Wildfire, Prescribed Fire, All Hazard, Other (specify):

Location (include Geographic Area, Agency, and State):

Management Type (circle one): Type 5, Type 4, Type 3, Type 2, Type 1, Area Command
OR Prescribed Fire Complexity Level (circle one): Low, Moderate, High

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